# AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND

THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA CONCERNING

HEALTH CARE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Whereas, the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Colombia, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties," have agreed to consider an exchange of health care, and

Whereas, the laws and regulations of the United States provide that inpatient medical care in Department of Defense medical treatment facilities in the United States may be furnished without cost to foreign military members and their accompanying dependents in the United States; provided, that the foreign military members' Government makes available comparable care for a comparable number of United States military members and their dependents in its country, and

Whereas, the Parties have determined that appropriate conditions exist to assure that comparable care to comparable numbers will be made available by each Party, and

Whereas, the Military Departments of the United States Department of Defense have agreed to make available the health care specified in this Agreement, subject to their regulations and the availability of funds,

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

## SECTION I

## GENERAL

- 1. This Agreement applies to military members, and their dependents, of the United States and Colombia who are in each others' country at the invitation of the receiving Party.
  - 2. The term "dependents" is defined to include the following:
- a. Spouse. A person who, based on the laws of the military member's country, is considered to be the lawful wife or husband of the military member.
- b. Dependent child. The child of a military member who depends on the military member for support, as defined by the regulations of the Party receiving the care.

### SECTION V

#### TERMS

- 1. This Agreement shall enter into force ninety days after the date of last signature and shall remain in effect for three years unless sooner terminated by either Party by giving at least ninety days written notice to the other Party.
- This Agreement may be amended, by mutual agreement of the Parties, by an exchange of letters between the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs for the United States of America, and the Minister of Defense for the Republic of Colombia.
- IN WITNESS THEREOF, the duly authorized officials of the two Parties have signed this Agreement as of the dates indicated below.

For the Department of Defense of the United States of America:

For the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Colombia

Enrique Mendez, Jr., M.D. Assistant Secretary of \

Defense for Health Affairs

Rafael Pardo Rueda Minister of Defense

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